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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MR. WILLIAM RIORDAN

FROM H-JENKINS

1. TENNIS PROMOTER BILL RIORDAN HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING FLYING TO BUCHAREST WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 TO JOIN WITH FORMER ROMANIAN DAVIS CUPPER ION TIRIAC TO NEGOTIATE A US TOUR BY THE ROMANIAN GIRLS OLYMPIC GYMNASTS. RIORDAN TELLS ME THAT CBS, WHICH HE REPRESENTS, IS PREPARED TO OFFER THE GOR SOME \$800,000 FOR SUCH A TOUR AND THAT TIRIAC BELIEVES THAT THE GOR HAS ALREADY AGREED TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER.

2. RIORDAN, AS YOU MAY RECALL, HAS PLAYED AN UNUSUAL ROLE IN PROMOTING ILIE NASTASE AND MAINTAINED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS WITH ROMANIAN SPORTS OFFICIALS. THIS IS COMPLICATED SOMEWHAT BY THE FACT THAT HIS DAUGHTER IS NOW MARRIED TO A FORMER ROMANIAN STUDENT AT MIT WHO HAS CHOSEN TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES.

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3. SHOULD RIORDAN JOIN TIRIAC AND IN THE COURSE OF HIS

VISIT IN BUCHAREST CALL UPON YOU, I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
ASSISTANCE YOU CAN GIVE HIM. HE IS MOST COOPERATIVE,

ALBEIT FLAMBOYANT, AND MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
IMPROVED RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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